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SESSION I
A-107MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION
U.S. SALT DELEGATION
GENEVA, SWITZERLANDDATE: December 18, 1972
TIME: 12:20 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.
PLACE: Soviet Mission, Geneva

SUBJECT: SALT

PARTICIPANTS: US

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Mr. Philip J. Farley
Dr. Raymond L. GarthoffMr. O. A. Grinevsky
Mr. V. S. ChulitskyFBS

Grinevsky suggested that Farley and Garthoff had probably been consulting in Brussels on the statement given by the US Delegation today. Farley replied that this was not the case, and thought there was probably little that was new in the statements by the two sides this morning.

Grinevsky said that he had been struck by the reference to a need to "concentrate" on central systems. Garthoff noted that the word used in English was "focus" (which Grinevsky had re-translated as "concentrate"). He noted that the same word had been used in the US statement on December 5. Grinevsky acknowledged that, and said that he thought it did not rule out "consideration" of the other matters in addition to those on which the US side would wish to "focus". Garthoff replied that the US statement had been carefully prepared, and did not mean either more or less than it said.

Communique and Work Program

Grinevsky and Chulitsky provided the text of a slightly revised communique, incorporating several editorial changes which Moscow wished to make. Farley and Garthoff indicated that, on an initial reading, the suggested changes did not seem to involve any difficulties. Garthoff promised to advise Grinevsky as soon as possible after consideration by the Delegation. (Grinevsky subsequently told Garthoff that he thought it would help with other "things" -- implying the differences over the SCC procedures paper -- if the US Delegation could accept the non-substantive changes in the communique desired by Moscow.)

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Garthoff asked if the Soviet Delegation had word from Moscow on the Program of Work. He indicated that there were no difficulties on the US side. Grinevsky said his Delegation had not yet heard from Moscow on the Work Program. (Garthoff later advised Grinevsky that Washington had in fact agreed on the Work Program with no suggested changes, and he hoped Moscow would do the same.)

Final Plenary

Garthoff suggested, and Chulitsky agreed, that the final Plenary meeting on December 21 be held at 10:00 a.m., rather than 11:00 a.m. Chulitsky asked when the US Delegation planned to depart. Garthoff said that tentatively the plan was to leave about 2:00 p.m. on December 21.

Garthoff also advised Chulitsky that if the Soviet Delegation wished to bring a few additional Advisors to the final Plenary meeting, we would be happy to accommodate them. Chulitsky thanked Garthoff and said he would let him know later the number who would be attending.

SCC Arrangements

Grinevsky suggested there were still difficulties over the SCC procedures paper. Garthoff said he thought a reasonable compromise had been worked out by Graybeal and Smolin on Saturday. Grinevsky was non-committal, and noted that Smolin and Graybeal were discussing the matter at that very time. He questioned the need for reference to the word "draft" both in the title and reference to a "joint draft text". Garthoff replied that it was necessary in both places, and reminded Grinevsky that their original understanding had been to discuss such procedures "on the side", along with the development of a Memorandum; the Soviet side had already pushed rather far in attempting to raise the status of the draft provisions for the SCC regulations. Garthoff noted that these draft provisions were, in effect, ad referendum to the SCC itself in any case. Grinevsky did not disagree.

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